

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A dot matrix type display element comprising:  
a pair of translucent substrates;  
stripe-shaped transparent electrode films respectively  
formed on the translucent substrates; and  
a light shielding part formed on at least one of the  
translucent substrates,  
characterized in that the display element comprises:  
a variable display part made of a region where the light  
shielding part is not provided; and  
a fixed display part made of an opening of the light  
shielding part.
2. A display element according to claim 1, characterized  
in that the light shielding part is provided around the opening  
to have a predetermined width.
3. A display element according to claim 2, characterized  
in that the predetermined width is larger than a diagonal  
length of a pixel.
4. A display device comprising:  
a pointer including an indicating part;  
pointer driving means for rotating the pointer; and  
a display element including an index part indicated by  
the indicating part,  
characterized in that

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the display element comprises a pair of translucent substrates, stripe-shaped transparent electrode films respectively formed on the translucent substrates, and a light shielding part provided on at least one of the translucent substrates, and

the index part is made of an opening of the light shielding part.

5. A display device according to claim 4, characterized in that the display element includes a hole part formed in a place corresponding to a rotation shaft of the pointer driving means.

6. A display device according to claim 4, characterized in that a light emitting element for illuminating the display element from behind is provided.

7. A display device characterized by comprising:  
a first display plate including a fixed display part;  
and  
a second display plate made of a dot matrix type display element and disposed in front of or behind the first display plate.

8. A display device characterized by comprising:  
a pointer including an indicating part;  
pointer driving means for rotating the pointer;  
a first display plate including a fixed display part indicated by the indicating part; and

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a second display plate made of a dot matrix type display element and disposed in front of or behind the first display plate.

9. A display device according to claim 8, characterized in that the first display plate and the second display plate respectively include hole parts formed in places corresponding to a rotation shaft of the pointer driving means.

10. A display device according to claim 8, characterized in that the fixed display part is made of an opening of a light shielding part, and the light shielding part is provided around the fixed display plate to have a predetermined width.

11. A display device according to claim 10, characterized in that the predetermined width is larger than a diagonal length of a pixel of the second display plate.

12. A display device according to any one of claims 8, characterized in that a light emitting element for illuminating the second display plate is provided.

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